

## AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGURES 2 and 7 have been amended as follows:

In FIGURE 2,

"Eingang" has been deleted and replaced with "Input"

"Koppelpfad" has been deleted and replaced with "Coupling pathway"

"Durchgangspfad" has been deleted and replaced with "Throughput pathway"

"Isolationspfad" has been deleted and replaced with "Isolation pathway"

In FIGURE 7,

"Gegentaktwelle" has been deleted and replaced with "Odd-mode"

"Gleichtaktwelle" has been deleted and replaced with "Even-mode".

## REMARKS

### Specification

In the Office Action dated January 23, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"), the Examiner requested that the applicants follow the guidelines set forth under 37 CFR 1.77(b) for the preferred layout of the specification of a utility application. As detailed above, applicants have added to the present specification the applicable headers set forth under 37 CFR 1.77(b).

The Office Action also objected to the disclosure because it was not clear if page 24 has been cancelled or remains to be translated and added to the current English version specification. Although it is unclear to the applicants whether the Examiner was referring to page 24 of the English disclosure or the original specification in German, applicants have deleted the contents of page 24 of the English disclosure.

### Claims

Claims 1-8 and 13 were amended to correct a grammatical error.

Claims 10-16 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. The Office Action asserted that Claims 10-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections under 37 CFR 1.75(c) and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10-16 have been amended and Claims 17-32 have been added to overcome the objections under 37 CFR 1.75(c). The claim changes are briefly summarized below.

#### **Claim Amendments:**

Claim 9 has been rewritten in dependent, rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 9, as originally filed, and base Claim 7.

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New Claim 10 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 9, as originally filed, and intervening Claim 8.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in dependent rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 11, as originally filed, as well as base Claim 7.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in dependent rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 12, as originally filed, as well as base Claim 7.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in dependent rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 14, as originally filed, as well as base Claim 7.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in dependent rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 15, as originally filed, as well as base Claim 7.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in dependent rather than multiple dependent form to incorporate subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 16, as originally filed, as well as base Claim 7.

New Claim 17 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 10, as originally filed. Claim 17 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

New Claim 18 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 11, as originally filed. Claim 18 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating independent Claims 1 and 3 and dependent Claims 2, 4, and 5.

New Claim 19 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 11, as originally filed, and dependent Claim 6.

New Claim 20 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 11, as originally filed. Claim 20 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

New Claim 21 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 12, as originally filed. Claim 21 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating independent Claims 1 and 3 and dependent Claims 2, 4, and 5.

New Claim 22 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 12, as originally filed, and dependent Claim 6.

New Claim 23 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 12, as originally filed. Claim 23 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

New Claim 24 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 14, as originally filed. Claim 24 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating independent Claims 1 and 3 and dependent Claims 2, 4, and 5.

New Claim 25 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 14, as originally filed, and dependent Claim 6.

New Claim 26 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 14, as originally filed. Claim 26 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

New Claim 27 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 15, as originally filed. Claim 27 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating independent Claims 1 and 3 and dependent Claims 2, 4, and 5.

New Claim 28 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 15, as originally filed, and dependent Claim 6.

New Claim 29 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 15, as originally filed. Claim 29 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

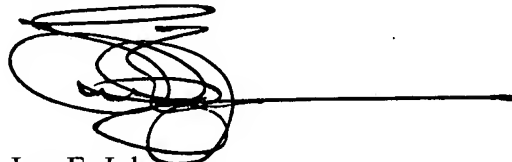
New Claim 30 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 16, as originally filed. Claim 30 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating independent Claims 1 and 3 and dependent Claims 2, 4, and 5.

New Claim 31 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 16, as originally filed, and dependent Claim 6.

New Claim 32 incorporates subject matter that was previously presented in Claim 16, as originally filed. Claim 32 is written in multiple dependent form incorporating any one of dependent Claims 8-10.

Respectfully submitted,

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